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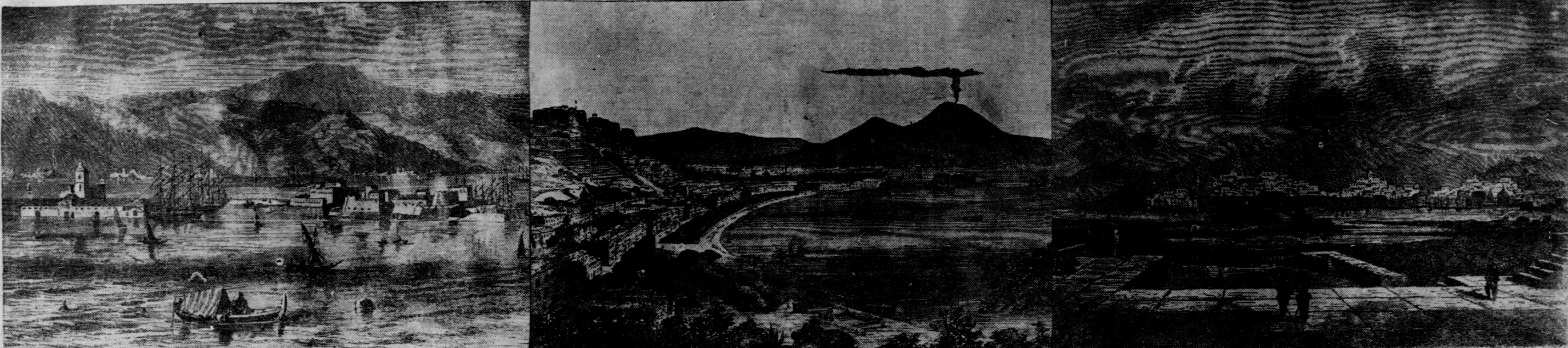
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VIEWS OF BEAUTIFUL CITY OF MESSINA, DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE



Entrance to the harbor of Messina.

Mount Vesuvius as seen across the bay from Naples.

Birdseye view of Messina.

UNITED STATES CONSUL AND WIFE DEAD IN RUINS

Consulate at Messina Destroyed—President Sends Dispatch Expressing Sympathy of the American People.

Salt Lake Italians Take Steps to Secure Aid for the Sufferers—Appeal Sent out by America's Red Cross Society.

Washington, Dec. 29.—That Arthur S. Cheney, American consul at Messina, Sicily, and his wife lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city yesterday is indicated by an official dispatch received tonight by the state department from Stuart Lupton, American vice consul at Messina.

The following dispatch came via Malta, Maltese islands, in the Mediterranean, being received there by wireless from Messina by Consul William H. Gale, and transmitted by him to the state department:

"The Messina consulate destroyed and consul and wife supposed to be dead. (Signed) 'LUPTON.'"

Consul Gale, in forwarding the dispatch by cable, added that Lupton is supposed to have escaped. He stated that a British warship had left Malta for Messina to assist in the work of rescue.

Arthur S. Cheney is a native of Illinois, but was appointed consul to Messina from Connecticut Aug. 15, 1907. Mr. Lupton, who is from Tennessee, was only recently appointed vice and deputy consul at Messina, and had just arrived at his post, succeeding J. Pierce, an Italian.

At a meeting of prominent Italians of Salt Lake, held last evening, a delegation was named to visit Governor Cutler and Mayor Bradford today. These officials will be asked to appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to appeal to all classes for contributions to aid the sufferers from the earthquake and tidal wave in Italy.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt, through the state department, today sent to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy a dispatch expressing his horror and that of the American people over the disaster which has befallen southern Italy and Sicily by the earthquake visitation, and tendering sincere sympathy.

The president also notes that the American National Red Cross has issued an appeal for contributions to aid the sufferers, and that the organization has notified him that it will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross.

As private cablegrams after cablegrams confirmed the frightful extent of the catastrophe, the Italian embassy attaches freely expressed their grief.

Delay Easily Explained.

The delay in receipt of official announcement of the news to the embassy from the Italian government is taken by the embassy to mean that the officials in Rome are giving all their attention to the aiding of the stricken region. "I am sure that everyone, from the king down to the humblest soldier, will do everything in his power in this great calamity," said Signor Roberto Cenaro, secretary of the embassy.

Ambassador Mayer des Planches is hastening to Washington from New York state, having left the city for a brief rest during the holidays.

The Red Cross society also requested the state department to extend to the American ambassador expressions of sympathy from the American society to the Italian Red Cross and to inquire to what extent relief measures will be necessary.

Small Amount on Hand.

The Red Cross will have to wait until contributions are received in response to the appeal sent out today, as the balance remaining in the treasury is but \$2,000, which will be kept in reserve for emergencies within the United States. On the occasion of the eruption of Vesuvius \$22,000 was sent to Italy by the American society.

There are no American naval vessels in the vicinity of southern Italy. The Scorpion, a converted yacht, which is at Constantinople, is nearer the scene of the disaster than any other American naval vessel.

ABE RUEF GETS TERM IN PRISON

Fourteen Years, the Limit, Imposed by Judge Lawlor—Notice of Appeal Given.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Fourteen years in the penitentiary, the maximum sentence provided for bribery of a supervisor, was the penalty meted out tonight to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as adviser of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, former mayor of the city. Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial. When Judge William P. Lawlor had denied this and other motions involving delay, the defendant arose at the court's command and stood unmoved through the recital of judgment. There was no demonstration on the part of the spectators during the proceedings in the court room, nor returned against Ruef by the judge, when Ruef, having entered the prison van in the custody of a deputy sheriff, started in the dusk on his long ride to the county jail.

Notice of Appeal.

Before the adjournment of court notice of appeal had been filed on behalf of the defendant, and the court had signed a writ of habeas corpus, which will act as a stay of execution in the case.

In a trial that was prolonged through a period of nearly four months, Ruef was convicted on the charge of bribing John J. Furey, a former supervisor, to favor the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads. This was one of 114 indictments returned against Ruef by the grand jury, which heard the confessions of sixteen supervisors who admitted the acceptance of bribes in several matters involving public service corporations.

One of the many incidents that tended to make the trial of Ruef remarkable was the shooting of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney by Morris Haas, ex-convict, whose past record was exposed by the prosecutor after the would-be slayer had been accepted as a member of the jury in Ruef's second trial. Haas subsequently committed suicide in the county jail.

EIGHT BUILDINGS BURNED

Silver City, Ida., Scene of a Destructive Fire—Loss \$40,000, With Practically No Insurance.

Boise, Ida., Dec. 29.—Business buildings in Silver City, a leading mining camp of southern Idaho, were destroyed by fire and dynamite early this morning, causing a loss of \$40,000 with practically no insurance. The fire originated in a Chinese restaurant and quickly spread to adjoining buildings. In order to save the War Eagle hotel, the general store of Charles N. Caldwell, the largest store in town, and two other buildings were dynamited. The fire raged for four hours before being controlled. Three hundred miners took heroic work in fighting the fire. Chinamen caught looting goods removed from the burning buildings were driven away with six-shoters and an armed guard was placed around the goods. The fact that no wind prevailed was all that saved the entire town from destruction. The biggest loser was Sheriff Mike Rock, owner of four of the destroyed buildings.

WORDS OF DEFIANCE.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—In scathing resolutions, the Spokane Central Labor union went on record as urging the head officers of the American Federation of Labor to defy the supreme court of the District of Columbia and, if the higher court concurs in the decision, to defy the court and keep on publishing in the Federationist the list of employers unfair to organized labor. The central body, representing about thirty-five unions in the city, also pledged its support to the officers of the American Federation. The Buck Stove & Range company was also denounced.

CONSTABLE KILLED.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mason Clements, former constable of El Paso, was shot and killed tonight in the Coney Island saloon. A stranger, well dressed, fired the shot, walked past the bar crowded with people, among them a deputy sheriff, and disappeared before he could be arrested.

TREASURER HELD UP.

Woonsocket, R. I., Dec. 29.—County Treasurer Edward M. Deane was held up in his office last night by two masked men and robbed of \$5,000 in cash. The robbers locked him in a vault, but the door was not securely fastened and he was able to escape and give an alarm. The robbers escaped.

HARSH SCOLDING FOR SOL. KIMBALL

Confessed Author of "Bombshell Confession" Apologizes, Is Reprimanded.

RETAINS HIS FEDERAL JOB

HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE TOOL OF OTHERS.

(Special to The Herald.)

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WILL FILED BY THE EXECUTORS

Widow of Claus Spreckels Given Life Interest in the Vast Estate.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—The will of the late Claus Spreckels, which was executed in New York May 11, 1907, was filed today with the county clerk. Under its terms, the widow, Anna Christina Spreckels, is given a life interest in the estate which, after her death, is to be divided between her three children, Claus A. Spreckels, Rudolph Spreckels and Mrs. John Ferris of Kingswood, England, formerly Miss Emma Spreckels. The testament recites that the other two sons, John D. and Adolph, have been liberally provided for during the life of the testator. The value of the estate is not given, but it has been estimated as high as \$5,000,000. Claus A. and Rudolph Spreckels are appointed executors and trustees of the estate, without bonds.

Widow is Very Old.

Mrs. Anna Spreckels, who is now 73 years old, will receive the net income of the properties while she lives, after which the three legatees will share alike except for the provision that Mrs. Ferris's portion is to revert to the estate in case she dies without children or before the death of her mother. In the event of Claus A. Spreckels or Rudolph Spreckels dying before their mother, the share of the deceased is to be equally divided among the surviving children. Claus A. and Rudolph Spreckels are appointed executors of the estate without bonds and trustees with absolute power to make such disposition of the properties as they see fit without being liable for any losses that may be sustained.

The witnesses to the will are William Cook, a prominent lawyer of New York; Thomas B. Jones and Richard T. Thompson, both of New York. The will was filed for probate by Rudolph Spreckels and Charles A. Wheeler, his attorney, together with a petition for probate.

TRAGEDY AT CHAFEY, NEV.

Sol Hendra Killed While Doing Assessment Work on Old Tullulah—Posse Pursuing Murderers.

Chafey, Nev., Dec. 29.—Sol Hendra, the youngest of three Hendra brothers, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon while attempting to do assessment work on the old Tullulah mine, two miles west of this camp. Hendra, in company with his brother Tom, arrived on the property about 2 o'clock and two men named Rooney and Clark, who have disputed the title to the mine for the past five months, appeared with several other prospectors and ordered Hendra from the mine. Hendra refused to go when some one concealed behind a large rock fired the fatal shot, the bullet penetrating the young man's temple.

A posse of deputy sheriffs have been pursuing the fleeing men in automobiles and on horses since 3 o'clock. Crowds of excited miners are parading the streets and making frequent threats of lynching. Rooney and Clark if caught.

This is the second tragedy in the history of the mine, which has been the scene of the days of the Comstock boom. The former superintendent, named Banks, an Englishman, was shot and killed thirty years ago by his Indian boy servant and the mine has not been in operation since.

ANTI-HAYBURN MOVE.

(Special to The Herald.)

Boise, Dec. 29.—An effort is being made, it is learned, to prevent the proposed caucus of Republican members of the legislature here next Monday night. The understanding is that it is an anti-Hayburn move, and the course to be taken by the dominant party on local option and the direct primary. Objection is made to any decision on the senatorship, until the other questions are disposed of by the legislature.

HELD FOR TRIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—F. O. Dille, chauffeur for W. B. Ridgely, former controller of the currency, was held for trial in the criminal court today on the charge of fourth degree manslaughter for causing the death of Mrs. Earl Greer of this city in an automobile accident here on Nov. 13. Dille was released on \$1,500 bail.

Letters referred to were not written by Solomon Kimball, for he is not credited with sufficient intellect to be the author of even such fanciful charges. It is believed that the real author of these letters wrote them for campaign purposes, but declined to sign his own name. Solomon Kimball's name was an asset, because it is the name of a prominent Mormon family. Kimball was induced to allow the use of his name and was probably told that he would be protected. The results indicate that he was.

The letter to Mr. Smyth, as given out at the department of justice in Washington yesterday, is published at the head of this article.

HORROR GROWS AS THE TRUTH BECOMES KNOWN

One Hundred Thousand Lives Lost by Earthquake, Fire and Tidal Wave in Sicily and Italy.

Messina and Other Cities Destroyed—Harrowing Stories Told by Refugees—King and Queen Start for the Scene.

London, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch from Rome says the pope has been notified that the entire religious communities of Messina and Reggio, including bishops, priests, monks and nuns, have been wiped out by the earthquake and fire.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The minister of the interior has a telegram from Messina saying that the bodies of seventy English travelers and thirty Germans were buried beneath the ruins of the hotels Trinacria, Victoria and Bellevue at Messina.

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 29.—Mount Etna is this morning showing considerable activity and the detonations, which can be plainly heard in this city, together with the volume of smoke rolling out of the crater, have added to the panic of the people.

According to the director of the local observatory this activity is directly connected with the earthquakes of yesterday which wrought such havoc in Calabria and Sicily, but a great eruption is not expected. Such phenomena seldom accompany violent seismic disturbances.

Rome, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina, in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste; that is the earthquake's record so far as at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

The death record in Messina ranges from 15,000 to 30,000 that of Reggio, which, with its adjacent villages, numbered 6,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi, 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassano, 1,000; at Cosenza, 500, and half the population of Baginara, about 4,000. The Monteleone region has been devastated, and Riposa, Seminara, San Giovanni Scilla, Lazzaro and Cannitello and all other communes and villages on the straits are in ruins.

The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated and the heavens were ablaze. Nearing Sicily, the clearing smoke revealed the mystery—Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair, I turned my boat back to Calabria.

Injured Abandoned.

Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. "Tumbling buildings both killed and mutilated many, while hundreds of the injured, imprisoned in the wreckage, were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing hordes." "The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The walls of the houses fell, and many were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell, crushed to death, and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Foreign Warships Arrive.

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great floating hospitals. Steamers with doctors, druggists, firemen and workmen have arrived at Messina from Catania and other places.

Special dispatches received here from Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report the situation there as bad as, if not worse than, at Messina. From use of that aid which brings the world closer together in time of great calamity, Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships quick as the flash of the telegraph could carry the orders to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started, and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen. All

World-Wide Sympathy.

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Messina Wiped Out.

Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war and which was the center of yesterday's terrible calamity, was shaken to ruins. Flashes burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers helplessly pinned beneath the earth's trembling or snarled in the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and undated and all lighthouses along the coast were swallowed up. Navigation now

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